(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 have been enacted to prevent adulteration in food stuffs and to save consumers from frauds and deceptions. The standards of various food articles have been prescribed in Appendix 'B' of the said rules. Food articles sold in the markets are required to conform to the specifications laid down under PFA Rules, 1955. The implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 is entrusted with the Food (Health) Authorities of the States/UTs. The enforcement staff of the States/U.T. draw random samples of various food articles from time to time to check adulteration in food commodities and action is taken against the offenders where the samples do not conform to the prescribed standards or do not conform to various provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955. There is no provision in PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 to compensate for loss of lives and properties.

(c) to (e) Action is taken under Section 16 of the PFA Act, 1954 where samples are not found to be conforming to the PFA standards, against all persons found responsible for conduct of business of a company or the person nominated under section 17(2) of the PFA Act, 1954. The offenders are awarded punishment by the courts ranging from six months to life imprisonment with fine depending upon the gravity of offence.

(f) This Act is not concerned with tax evasion.

(g) and (h) Does not arise.

Removal of hospitals from CGHS list

2678. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS has removed several big private hospitals recently from its approved list resulting in lot of inconveniences to the Central Government employees and other CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken to include all major private hospitals in the country in the CGHS approved list; and

(d) if not, the steps that are being taken by CGHS to set up its own hospitals in all parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c)and (d) Empanelment under CGHS is now a continuous process. Any hospital that wants to be empanelled may apply to the CGHS if it meets the stipulated parameters and agrees to charge the rates fixed for that city.

Eye donation centres

†2679. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where eye banks and eye donation centres have been set up by Government, so far, under National Programme for Prevention of Blindness;

(b) whether there is any time-bound programme to set up eye banks and eye donation centres in the remaining States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the National Programme for Control Blindness (NPCB), Eye Banks and Eye Donation Centres have been set up in thirteen states, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) and (c) The target is to set up Eye Banks and Eye Donation Centres in the country under NPCB in a phased manner as per the approved pattern of assistance. Out of the remaining States, it has been decided to set up Eye Banks in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Assam, Manipur, A and N Islands, Chandigarh and Eye Donation Centres in the States of Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura in the Annual Plan 2007-08.

Admission to dental colleges

†2680. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL. VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that admissions in dental colleges are withheld for 2007-08 in Chhattisgarh even after fulfilling the norms;

(b) whether his Ministry has received complaints from managers of dental colleges in this regard;

(c) the names of the States in the country where admissions in private dental colleges have been banned;

(d) whether there are such medical colleges also in the country who does not fulfil the norms; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.